

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document image scanner, comprising:

a feed roller ;

an image sensor adapted to sense an image of a document inserted in the scanner

5 while pressing the document against the feed roller; and

a printer adapted to print an indicium on the document while pressing the document against the feed roller.

2. The document scanner of Claim 1, wherein the printer is adapted to selectively assume a printing position in which the printer is positioned to print the indicium on the document and a non-printing position away from the printing position.

3. The document scanner of Claim 1, wherein the feed roller is adapted to feed the document to both the image sensor and to the printer.

4. The document scanner of Claim 1, wherein the image sensor includes a contact Image Sensor (CIS).

5. The document scanner of Claim 1, wherein the printer includes a thermal print head.

6. The document image scanner of Claim 1, wherein the printer includes a print head that is wider than the document inserted in the document scanner.

7. The document image scanner of Claim 2, wherein the printer is pivotally coupled to a hinge and wherein the document is caused to at least partially wrap around the feed roller when the printer is pivoted to the printing position.

8. The document image scanner of Claim 2, wherein the printer is pivotally coupled to a hinge and wherein the document is substantially tangent to an outer surface of the feed roller when the printer is pivoted to the non-printing position.

9. The document image scanner of Claim 1, wherein the document includes an initially machine readable marking thereon and wherein the indicia printed by the printer renders the marking unreadable.

10. A method of capturing an image of a document and branding the document, comprising the steps of :

10 scanning the image of the document while pressing the document against a feed roller ; and

branding the document by printing an indicium thereon while pressing the document against the feed roller.

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein the document is a gaming ticket that includes an initially machine readable marking thereon and wherein the branding step renders the marking unreadable.

12. A document image scanner, comprising a feed roller, an image sensor and a printer, wherein both the image sensor and the printer apply pressure against the feed roller when the printer is in operation.

13. The document image scanner of Claim 12, wherein the printer is adapted to selectively assume a printing position in which the printer is positioned to print an indicium on a document inserted in the document image scanner and a non-printing position away from the printing position.

14. The document image scanner of Claim 12, wherein the feed roller is configured to feed a document inserted into the document image scanner to both the image sensor and to the printer.

15. The document image scanner of Claim 12, wherein the image sensor includes
5 a contact Image Sensor (CIS).

16. The document image scanner of Claim 12, wherein the printer includes a thermal print head.

17. The document image scanner of Claim 12, wherein the printer includes a print head that is wider than the document inserted in the document scanner.

10 18. The document image scanner of Claim 13, wherein the printer is pivotally coupled to a hinge and wherein the document is caused to at least partially wrap around the feed roller when the printer is pivoted to the printing position.

19. The document image scanner of Claim 13, wherein the printer is pivotally coupled to a hinge and wherein the document is substantially tangent to an outer surface of
15 the feed roller when the printer is pivoted to the non-printing position.

20. The document image scanner of Claim 13, wherein the document includes an initially machine readable marking thereon and wherein the indicia printed by the printer renders the marking unreadable.